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SUBJECT: PATOLICHEV ARTICLE ON SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE

1. APRIL 24 PRAVDA CARRIES LENGTHY ARTICLE BY MINISTER OF  
FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV WRITTEN FOR OCCASION OF 60TH  
ANNIVERSARY OF LENIN'S DECREE OF APRIL 22, 1918 ON  
NATIONALIZATION OF FOREIGN TRADE. ALTHOUGH MAINLY  
ROUTINE AND SELF-SERVING, THERE ARE A FEW INTERESTING  
TWISTS.

2. IN SPEAKING OF SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE WITH DEVELOPED  
WESTERN COUNTRIES, PATOLICHEV URGES LONG-TERM AND LARGE-  
SCALE ECONOMIC COOPERATION WITH THESE COUNTRIES, BASED ON  
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GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENTS AND PROGRAMS OF COOPERATION RUNNING  
FOR 10 YEARS OR MORE. PATOLICHEV EXPRESSES HIS DISSATIS-  
FACTION WITH EXTENT TO WHICH WEST HAS BEEN WILLING TO  
CONCLUDE COMPENSATION DEALS, FINDING THAT SUCH TRADE FALLS  
FAR SHORT OF ITS POTENTIAL, AND BLAMES WESTERN GOVERNMENTS  
FOR THIS STATE OF AFFAIRS.

3. PATOLICHEV REFERS TO DECISION OF 1977 DECEMBER PLENUM OF CC CPSU THAT "IN ALL SECTORS RELATED TO FOREIGN ECONOMIC ACTIVITY UNUSED RESERVES BE FOUND AND BROUGHT INTO USE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE," BUT FAILS TO MENTION HOW THIS IS TO BE ACCOMPLISHED.

4. COMMENT: WHILE PATOLICHEV DOES NOT SINGLE OUT PARTICULAR COUNTRIES, HE DOES SEEM TO BE SAYING THAT THOSE WESTERN COUNTRIES WHOSE GOVERNMENTS ARE WILLING TO INVOLVE THEMSELVES DIRECTLY IN ECONOMIC COOPERATION ON A LONG-TERM BASIS WITH USSR WILL BENEFIT MOST IN TRADE WITH SOVIET UNION. SINCE THE SOVIETS ARE PRESENTLY NEGOTIATING WITH FRENCH ON NEW 10-YEAR TRADE AGREEMENT, WE READ THIS AS . AN ENCOURAGEMENT FOR FRENCH AND OTHERS TO CONCLUDE SUCH AGREEMENTS, DESPITE THEIR POSSIBLE LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR SUCH AGREEMENTS AND FOR COROLLARY COMPENSATION DEALS. TOON

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